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I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Appropriation of a percentage of the games-fund for the award of prizes in inter-class sports of schools.

* 694 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that games-funds have been separately constituted in each secondary school under games committees;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government have directed that no part of the games-fund should be utilized for awarding prizes in inter-class sports of the schools; and

(*c*) what the reasons are for the Government prohibiting games-committees to contribute a small percentage to the school sports committees for awarding prizes to competitors?

A.—(*a*) Every secondary school is required to constitute a games-fund.

(*b*) Instructions have been issued by the Director of Public Instruction to the effect that while expenditure on the award of prizes to individual members in inter-class sports should not be met from the games-fund, there is no objection to debiting to the fund (*a*) the cost of providing a challenge shield or cup to the winning class or team in inter-class sports or (*b*) a small contribution made towards an inter-school sports fund when such fund is recognized by the District Educational Officer or the Inspectress concerned.

(*c*) It was considered necessary to prohibit the grant of prizes to individual competitors from the fund because the fund in most cases is inadequate even to fulfil its main purpose, viz., the promotion of physical training facilities for the whole school.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know whether it is not an anomaly for not having provision for spending for prizes within one's own school when one has got power to spend money for sports outside their school, for inter-school sports? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" No, Sir; the Government do not see any anomaly there."

Co-operation

Opening of Land Mortgage Banks in Salem district.

* 695 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigations for starting Land Mortgage Banks at Dharmapuri and Tiruchengode in Salem district have been completed;